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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2003 and have a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 29, 2003, said period having been extended in accordance with the accompanying request for extension of time so as to expire on December 29, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.